

The News of Brooklyn.

CHARGES BY ATTENBURY.
HE ACCUSES THE POSTOFFICE OF DELAYING THE PRIMARY BALLOTS.

POSTMASTER WILSON REPLIES THAT IT IS ONE OF THE CHAIRMAN'S POLITICAL HALLUCINATIONS.

Walter F. Attenbury, chairman of the Republican General Committee of Kings County, made a general charge yesterday in a statement given to the press against the Brooklyn Postmaster. He accused the postoffice authorities of having delayed the delivery of four thousand letters containing primary ballots for the enrolled Republican voters of Kings County, and stated that it was not the first time that such matter affecting political concerns in Kings County had been held back. The conservative friends of Mr. Attenbury do not agree his statement. They say that it will do more harm than good, and that the charge practically is without foundation in fact.

Postmaster Wilson is rather amused than angry at the statement, and calls it "one of Attenbury's political hallucinations." Although both men are Republicans they are opposed as to the methods and leadership of the local organization. Mr. Wilson has followed an independent course in politics and has never worked in harmony with the organization.

Mr. Attenbury's statement is in part as follows:

"Monday, September 18, I caused to be mailed in the New-York Postoffice to every one of the enrolled voters of the XVIIIth Assembly District of Brooklyn a ballot and an appeal to them to vote in the primaries. The above ballots were to be sent in the primary election which takes place to-day between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m., and were placed in large white envelopes addressed to the postoffice of the Brooklyn Postoffice direct, and not stamped and dropped into the windows. They were mailed sometime between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday."

"The ballot service rules for his office would be posterior, and that the bonds of his office were heavy enough to make him appoint only efficient men. County Clerk W. P. Ward said that it would be impracticable to apply Civil Service rules to his office, as only one of his employees is paid by the office."

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"The other employee," added Mr. Wilson, "are paid by himself. In the case of the fourteen court clerks whom I appoint, Civil Service rules might be followed."

"There are one hundred men in the offices of Commissioner of Records Walsh. He says that Civil Service rules are not applicable to his office, as he is the last man who was appointed until the commencement of the office to five years, and that the rules do not apply to temporary appointments."

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"The speaker added that the bonds of his office would be unbroken under the present Civil Service rules."

"The Postmaster said that these four thousand ballots should be delivered not later than Monday evening, in order that no one might leave his home during the night without having the chance to vote in the primaries. The last envelopes mailed were those in my own election district (the Fourth), and the last letter carried out of the office was addressed to me personally."

"Mr. Attenbury goes on to name several of his friends who did not receive the letters or received them late, and winds up his statement by saying:

"I have made this statement because this is not the first time that mail matter affecting political events has been delayed in Brooklyn during the past eighteen months. It is very evident that the Postmaster is engaged in delaying the primary ballots sent as first class rates, and is delayed in their delivery by some means."

"In answer to Mr. Attenbury the Postmaster gave a short reply last evening this statement:

"The charge is absurd. It is one of Mr. Attenbury's political hallucinations. Does he think that the Postmaster of Brooklyn has nothing to do with the affairs of the postoffice?"

"He was born in Manhattan Postoffice. The letters Mr. Attenbury mentions came in a package, and were handed it to me in the State Office of Stamps, and I forwarded them to the Postmaster of New York."

"The speaker added that the Postmaster of Brooklyn has no power over the mail, and that he has no right to interfere with the mail."

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